GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - MA&UD Department – Allegations against officials for allowing unauthorized constructions without insisting required widening as per Master Plan in Ongole Municipal Corporation - Disciplinary proceedings initiated by framing charges against Sri S.Rambabu, the then Town Planning Supervisor (now retired), Ongole Municipal Corporation under Rule-20 of A.P. Civil Services (CCA&) Rules, 1991 - Enquiry conducted - Charges held proved - Imposing a penalty of "5% cut in pension for a period of two (2) years" Orders – Issued.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Vig.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 222 **Dated: 24-12-2020.**

Read the following:

1. From the DTCP, A.P., Hyderabad, Lr.Roc.No.1885/2013/M2, dated.03.08.2013.
2. G.O.Rt.No.1392, MA&UD (L1) Department, dated.11.09.2013.
3. Written Statement of Defence of Sri S.Rambabu, TPO, Pedana Municipality, dated.14.2.2014.
4. G.O.Rt.No.711, MA&UD (Vig.II) Department, dated.19.10.2015.
5. From the DTCP, A.P., Guntur, Lr.Roc.No.1885/2013/M2, dt. .01.2018 along with enquiry report of RDDTP & Enquiry Officer, Visakhapatnam, Lr.Roc.No.302/2014/V1, dated.01.12.2017.
6. Govt.Memo.No.18406/Vig.II/2013, MA, dated.14.02.2018.
7. Written representation of Sri S.Rambabu, former TPS (retired), Ongole Municipal Corporation, dated.25.06.2018.
8. Govt.Memo.No.18406/Vig.II/2013, MA, dated.30.08.2018.
9. Written representation of Sri S.Rambabu received from the DTCP, AP, Guntur, Lr.Roc.No.1885/2013/M2, dated.06.11.2019.
10. Govt.Memo.No.18406/Vig.II/2013, MA&UD (Vig.II) Department, dated.29.05.2020.
11. Letter from the DTCP., A.P., Guntur, Roc.No.1885/2013/M2 (384766), dated.24.07.2020.
12. Govt. Letter No.18406/Vig.II/2013, MA&UD (Vig.II) Department, dated.08.09.2020.
13. From the Secretary, APPSC, Vijayawada, Lr.No.318/DC&C/2020, dated.06.11.2020.

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O R D E R:

Based on the report furnished by the Regional Deputy Director of Town & Country Planning, Guntur on certain grave allegations of irregularities committed by Sri S.Rambabu, the then Town Planning Supervisor and three (3) other town planning officials of Ongole Municipal Corporation for allowing unauthorized constructions without insisting required widening as per Master Plan, the Director of Town & Country Planning has recommended to initiate disciplinary action against concerned officials in the reference 1st read above.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, among other officials, Government have issued orders initiating disciplinary proceedings against Sri S.Rambabu, the then

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Town Planning Supervisor duly framing the following articles of charges and directed him to submit his written statement of defence thereon:

Charge No.1: That the said S.Ram Babu, TPO (OG), while functioning in Ongole Municipal Corporation during his period of officiation as TPS, had allowed unauthorised constructions without insisting required widening as per Master Plan thereby held responsible for the lapse.

Charge No.2: That the said S.Ram Babu, TPO (OG), while functioning in Ongole Municipal Corporation during his period of officiation as TPS, had recommended office building in residential land use against the sanctioned Master Plan provisions and Zoning Regulations thereby held responsible for the lapse.

Charge No.3: That the said S.Ram Babu, TPO (OG), while functioning in Ongole Municipal Corporation during his period of officiation as TPS, has not inspected the site under reference as per the provisions made under APM Act 1965 and G.O.Ms.No.168 MA., dt.7.4.2012 before recommending the building Plan thereby held responsible for the lapse.

Charge No.4: That the said S.Ram Babu, TPO (OG), while functioning in Ongole Municipal Corporation during his period of officiation as TPS, had allowed the Buildings constructed in deviation / violation to the approved plans thereby held responsible for the lapse.

Charge No.5: That during the aforesaid period the said Sri S.Ram Babu, TPS, had failed to discharge his legitimate duties with due care and diligence and thereby held responsible for the same.

3. In the reference 3rd read above, the charged officer Sri S.Rambabu has submitted his Written Statement of Defense and while stating among other things, he has requested to drop further action against him.

4. Govt. after examining the written statement of defences submitted by the charged officers and found it not convincing, issued orders vide reference 4th read above, appointing Sri Y.P.Ranganayakulu, Regional Deputy Director of Town & Country Planning, Rajahmundry as an Inquiry Officer to inquire into the charges framed against Sri S.Rambabu, the then Town Planning Supervisor and three (3) other town planning officials of Ongole Municipal Corporation.

5. In the reference 5th read above, the Inquiry Officer has submitted his inquiry report against all the above said four charged officers and stated that, out of five (5) charges framed in respect of Sri S.Rambabu, the then Town Planning Supervisor, three (3) charges were partly held proved and two (2) charges were held proved in the enquiry.

6. Government have examined the Inquiry Report in detail, accepted the findings of Inquiry Officer and communicated the Inquiry Report to all the charged officers including Sri S.Rambabu for offering their written representations under Rule 21(2) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 and directed to

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submit their written representations, if any, on the findings of the Inquiry Report vide reference 6th read above.

7. In the reference 7th read above, Sri S.Rambabu, the then TPS (retired), Ongole Municipal Corporation has submitted his written representation, wherein while stating among other things, he has requested to drop further action against him.

8. Government after careful examination of the matter and keeping in view of the findings of Inquiry Officer, it has been provisionally decided to impose a penalty of "5% cut in pension for a period of two (2) years" under Rule-9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 against Sri S.Rambabu, the then TPS (retired), as the charges were held proved in the enquiry and in the reference 8th read above, a show cause notice has been issued to Sri S.Rambabu, as to why the above said penalty cannot be imposed against him.

9. In the reference 9th read above, the charged officer Sri S.Rambabu, the then TPS (retired) has submitted his written representation stating that, he had not committed any mistake in recommending building permission and taken consequent action on unauthorized constructions and while stating among other things, he has requested to exonerate and drop further action in the matter.

10. As no new grounds put forth by the Charged Officer, Government after careful examination of the inquiry report and written representation of the charged officer and after following due procedure, it has been provisionally decided to impose a penalty of "5% cut in pension for a period of two (2) years" against Sri S.Rambabu, the then TPS (retired) and in the reference 12th read above, the Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission was requested to convey the concurrence of the Commission on the Government's proposal.

11. In the reference 13th read above, the Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission has informed that, Commission agrees with the proposal of the Government, to impose a penalty of "5% cut in pension for a period of two (2) years" against Sri S.Rambabu, the then Town Planning Supervisor (retired), Ongole Municipal Corporation, Prakasam District.

12. Government after careful examination of the matter, have been decided to impose a penalty of "5% cut in pension for a period of two (2) years" against Sri S.Rambabu, the then Town Planning Supervisor (retired), Ongole Municipal Corporation, Prakasam District, as the charges were held proved in the enquiry.

13. Accordingly, Government hereby order to impose a penalty of "5% cut in pension for a period of two (2) years" against Sri S.Rambabu, the then Town Planning Supervisor (retired), Ongole Municipal Corporation, Prakasam District, as the charges were held proved in the enquiry.

14. The Director of Town & Country Planning, A.P., Guntur shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

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15. The receipt of the G.O., shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

J.SYAMALA RAO
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri S.Rambabu, the then TPS (retired), Ongole Municipal Corporation,
Prakasam District – **through** the DTCP., A.P., Guntur.
The Director of Town & Country Planning, A.P., Guntur.
Copy to:
The Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Vijayawada.
The Commissioner, Ongole Municipal Corporation, Prakasam District.
The Accountant General (A&E), A.P., Hyderabad.
The Principal Accountant General (A&E), A.P., Vijayawada.
The Pay and Accounts Officer, Ibrahimpatnam, A.P., Krishna District.
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// FORWARDED BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER.